

September 1, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 9, 1998 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix (see enclosed map)

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The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Anytime that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**Note: A separate Valley Vision 2025 meeting will not be held prior to the Management Committee meeting. The update will be presented as agenda item number 11.**

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 9, 1998**

**COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED**

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of July 15, 1998 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve July 15, 1998 meeting minutes.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested to not exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	3. For information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. For information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda.

**\*ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

*6A. <u>Approval of FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u>  Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all required transportation related projects in the MAG Region for the next five years. The MAG Regional Council approved the Draft FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP in	6A. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, for a public hearing.
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March 1998, for the purpose of conducting an air quality conformity analysis. This analysis is now complete, and on September 15, 1998, a public hearing will be held as the culmination of a month long public review of the TIP, the Long Range Transportation Plan Update for 1997 (LRTP) and the Draft FY 1998 Addendum and the Conformity Analysis. The results of this public hearing will be included as part of the Public Involvement Plan. The TIP comprises 993 highway projects costing \$2.245 billion (\$390 million federal) and 270 transit projects costing \$679 million (\$409 million federal). A formal finding of conformity is required by the MAG Regional Council prior to approval of the TIP. Changes to the draft TIP approved in March are shown on the attached Errata Sheet 3. See enclosed information.

\*6B. Approval of MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: 1998 Addendum

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. In March 1998, the Regional Council authorized a conformity analysis of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: Draft 1998 Addendum. Items addressed in the addendum include: 1) priority changes to the ADOT Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for Freeways, 2) extending the time horizon to 2018, 3) incorporation of changes from the FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program, and 4) incorporating updates to the Long Range Street Plan as submitted by member agencies. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*7. Planning Requirements to Restripe I-10 Between 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 10 Lanes

The MAG Draft 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program includes projects to resurface I-10 between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and to add auxiliary lanes and to restripe I-10 to 10 lanes between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Two lanes would remain as High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. A Major Investment Study (MIS) Stakeholders meeting was held regarding this project on July 28, 1998. A number of issues were discussed including: safety of narrower lanes, future congestion of HOV lanes, potential value lanes, length of project, conformity requirements and traffic impacts of dropping a lane at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was the consensus of the group that a MIS was not needed as restriping is not a major investment. The MAG Transportation

6B. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: 1998 Addendum, for a public hearing.

7. For information and discussion.

Review Committee reviewed this decision and concurred. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*8. Amendment to 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program to Extend the Limits of the Design Concept Report on the Superstition Between I-10 and Gilbert Road to Power Road

The Regional Council has adopted High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on the Superstition Freeway between I-10 and Gilbert Road as one of its highest priorities for ADOT discretionary funds. ADOT is in the process of preparing a Design Concept and Environmental Assessment for this facility. Public comments have requested that this study be extended to Power Road and include an additional Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) lane. ADOT is planning to modify its study process to include the request. In July, the Transportation Review Committee recommended that MAG work with ADOT to meet the federal Major Investment Study (MIS) requirements in the study process. With the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the MIS requirement was eliminated, but regulations are being developed to incorporate MIS tasks into required planning and environmental procedures. We have been informed by the Federal Highway Administration that the federal requirements could include revisiting the MIS for the Superstition corridor or expanding options in the environmental process. A stakeholders meeting will be scheduled to facilitate this process and proceed with the federal options or a combination of the options available. Results of the study would be forwarded to the Regional Council to be considered for inclusion in a Draft Long Range Transportation Plan for a conformity analysis, as appropriate. At this time, it is recommended that the MAG 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program be amended to extend the Design Concept Report on the Superstition from Gilbert to Power Road. As this is a minor amendment, a public hearing is not required and as an exempt project, a conformity analysis is not required. It is anticipated that state funds will be used to pay for the study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. For information, discussion and recommendation to amend the 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add an extended Design Concept Report on the Superstition between I-10 and Power Road for additional \$450,000 in state funds. Also, to recommend that ADOT and MAG address planning and environmental requirements for the corridor study process.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

\*9. Acceptance of U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program Special Project Funds and U.S. Department of Energy Community Based Environmental Protection/Regional Geographic Initiative Funds

9. For information, discussion and recommendation to accept the Clean Cities grant for approximately \$92,000 and to accept the Environmental Protection Agency Community Based Environmental

The Maricopa Association of Governments has been notified by the Arizona Dept. of Commerce Energy Office that it has been awarded approximately \$92,000 through a State Energy Program Special Projects grant. The grant was provided to MAG to implement the Clean Cities Program Plan adopted by the Regional Council in 1996. A specific work program to implement the Clean Cities Program will be developed by the Maricopa Association of Governments and the State Energy Office based on input solicited from the Clean Cities Executive Stakeholder Committee. The Executive Stakeholder Committee consists of member agencies and other alternative fuel stakeholders. The grant application was submitted for the Clean Cities program by the AZ. Dept. of Commerce Energy Office.

Also, we have been notified by the Environmental Protection Agency that we have been awarded a \$50,000 Community Based Environmental Protection/Regional Geographic Initiative grant. The purpose of the grant is to support the development of four subcommittee reports that will be developed through Valley Vision 2025. The Four subcommittee reports that will be funded through this grant are Natural Features, Urban Features, Transportation, and Public Utilities. The grant application was submitted for the Maricopa Association of Governments Valley Vision 2025 effort. Acceptance of the Clean Cities and Community Based Environmental Protection/ Regional Geographic Initiative grants is requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*10. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Villages at Desert Hills Wastewater Treatment Facility

Maricopa County has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the proposed wastewater treatment facility for the Villages at Desert Hills development. The amendment process is designed to allow new wastewater treatment facilities to be included as part of the 208 Plan. The capacity for the proposed Villages at Desert Hills Wastewater Treatment Facility is 4.5 million gallons per day. The effluent will be reused on site and/or be recharged through shallow trenches. Two jurisdictions are within three miles of the wastewater treatment facility. The Town of Cave Creek has indicated that it does not object to the proposed facility. The City of Phoenix has reviewed the proposed facility and has raised several issues which remain to be resolved. On

Protection/Regional Geographic Initiative Grant for \$50,000.

10. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Villages at Desert Hills Wastewater Treatment Facility contingent upon a positive recommendation by the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee on September 8, 1998.

September 8, 1998, the Water Quality Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on the amendment. Following consideration of the public comments, the Committee will be requested to make a recommendation to the MAG Management Committee on the proposed amendment. The recommendation and comments from the public hearing will be summarized at the Management Committee meeting on September 9, 1998. Please refer to the enclosed material.

## ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

### VALLEY VISION 2025 UPDATE

11. Valley Vision 2025 Update

An update on the activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will be provided to the members of the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For information and discussion.

### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

12. Requested Changes to the MAG Freeway Program (10 minutes)

The City of Mesa and the Williams Gateway Airport Authority have requested that an interchange be added to the Santan Freeway to service the Williams Gateway Airport at Hawes Road. At the time of the original conceptual design of the Santan Freeway, Williams Air Force Base was in full operation and access at Hawes Road was not wanted. Since the closure of the Base, it has been turned over to local control and extensive development plans have changed the use of the Base, including a branch campus for Arizona State University and use as a regional reliever airport. The interchange would serve major public facilities at Williams Gateway Airport and help provide a balanced, multi modal transportation system for Maricopa County. The Arizona Department of Transportation is developing a cost estimate for the interchange.

The City of Phoenix is requesting that an interchange be added on the Pima Freeway at 56th Street. The original design of the Pima Freeway includes a three mile section between Tatum Boulevard and Scottsdale Road without an interchange. In 1988, ADOT agreed to acquire the necessary right-of-way and to design an interchange at 56th Street, but delayed constructing the interchange until it was warranted by traffic demand. Since that time, the

12. For information, discussion and recommendation for the following: 1) to add the Hawes Road Interchange on the Santan Freeway to the MAG Freeway Program pending a cost estimate being provided by ADOT; 2) to add the 56th Street Interchange on the Pima Road Freeway for a cost of \$4.2 million to the MAG Freeway Program; and 3) to transfer the project to design and construct FMS at 101/Red Mountain Interchange to 101 between U.S. 60 and Guadalupe Road for \$2.010 million.

Phoenix General Plan has been revised to include developments such as the Sitix facility and the Mayo Hospital in this area. A traffic study indicates that the Tatum Boulevard and Scottsdale Road Interchanges will not be adequate to handle the traffic demand. The estimated cost of the 56th Street Interchange is \$4.2 million.

In June, ADOT requested that the funding for a Freeway Management System project be transferred from a segment of the Red Mountain Traffic Interchange to the Price, U.S. 60 -Guadalupe Road section of the Price Freeway. This was discussed at the Transportation Review Committee in May, and it was recommended that the implementation of the Freeway Management System (FMS) be reviewed before considering this request. Following the TRC meeting, representatives of ADOT and MAG reviewed the proposed FMS implementation plan. Based on this review, staff is recommending that the project to design and construct FMS at 101/Red Mountain Interchange be transferred to 101 between U.S. 60 and Guadalupe Road for \$2.010 million which is a \$265,000 increase. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Transportation Funding Update (10 minutes)

In July, the Regional Council received a report regarding the increased funding available to Arizona resulting from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). It was reported that Arizona would receive approximately 57 percent increase in funding. A large portion of this increase resulted from a national emphasis to provide additional funds to States who are donor states. The Regional Council directed that MAG work with the Arizona Department of Transportation to ensure that suballocations of increased federal funds to the region are equitable and that the "donor/donee" fair share concept be applied to this metropolitan area. A series of meetings have been held with representatives from ADOT regarding a "fair share" of State and federal funding for this region. A report will be provided to the members of the Management Committee.

13. For information, discussion and possible action.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

14. Draft 1998 Conformity Analysis for the Draft FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update with Draft 1998 Addendum (5 minutes)

14. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the draft 1998 Conformity Analysis for the Draft FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Long Range

On March 25, 1997, the Regional Council authorized a conformity analysis to be prepared for the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: Draft 1998 Addendum. The draft findings, indicate that the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan meet the federal conformity requirements. Approval of the conformity findings by the Regional Council is required for MAG adoption of the TIP and Transportation Plan. A recommendation to approve the finding for a public hearing is being requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update with Draft 1998 Addendum, for a public hearing.

15. Draft MAG 1998 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan (10 minutes)

On December 3, 1997, the MAG Regional Council approved an approach to submit the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan after measures have been adopted in the 1998 Legislative Session and all necessary technical analyses and administrative procedures have been completed. With the new measures passed by the 1998 Legislative Session, the MAG 1998 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan demonstrates attainment by December 31, 2000. The thirty-day comment period for the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan commenced on August 10, 1998, and a public hearing will be held on September 9, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. in the Saguaro Room. Comments received at the public hearing will be presented to the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee on September 10, 1998 and to the MAG Air Quality Policy Committee on September 17, 1998. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Draft MAG 1998 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan for Maricopa County Nonattainment Area for a public hearing.

GENERAL ITEM

16. Formation of a Subcommittee of the Management Committee to Examine Options and Costs to the Present System for the Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners (5 minutes)

In recent months, discussions have been held by MAG member agencies with representatives from Maricopa County regarding future per diem rates for the Maricopa County jail system. A report on these discussions was made to the Regional Council Executive Committee at their August meeting. To more fully examine the per diem rate issue and explore the possible options to the present system, the Executive Committee concluded that a

16. For information, discussion and approval to form a subcommittee of the Management Committee to explore options and costs to the present system for the incarceration of prisoners from municipalities.

subcommittee of the Management Committee be formed. The subcommittee would examine the per diem rate issue and review incarceration alternatives used in other metropolitan areas. Formation of the subcommittee is requested.